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REF DEPTTEL 1985.

I AM SOMEWHAT CONFUSED WHAT DEPT ENVISAGES IN WAY OF "IDENTIFICATION OF ALLIED VEHICLES USING AUTOBAHN." I HAD INTERPRETED DEPTTEL 1792 FEBRUARY 11 TO MEAN CONCURRENCE MY SUGGESTION THAT NO DOCUMENTATION BE SHOWN EAST GERMANS BUT THAT, INSTEAD, IDENTIFICATION "BE ACHIEVED BY AND CONFINED TO THE PAINTING OR AFFIXING OF A PLAINLY LEGIBLE SIGN ON EACH ALLIED UNIT" (BERLIN'S 680, FEBRUARY 10). HOWEVER, FINAL PARA DEPTTEL 1985, BY REJECTING IDEA OF PERMITTING GDR PERSONNEL TO STAMP TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, SEEMS ENVISAGE SHOWING THEM SUCH DOCUMENTS. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION THIS POINT, ALSO CONFIRMATION OUR ASSUMPTION THAT SAME TYPE IDENTIFICATION WOULD BE USED FOR MILITARY TRAINS AS FOR "ALLIED VEHICLES USING AUTOBAHN". DEPT'S MESSAGES ON SUBJECT, INCLUDING MEMORANDUM GIVEN BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS (DEPT'S G-397, FEBRUARY 19). REFER ONLY TO VEHICLES WITH NO MENTION MILITARY TRAINS.

ALTHOUGH I AGREE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE SHOULD BE WORKED OUT SOONEST WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH, BELIEVE IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING IT PREFERABLE FIRST OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON US SIDE WHAT IDENTIFICATION WE INTEND PROPOSE. THEREFORE REQUEST BERLIN SUBMIT SOONEST RESULTS CURRENT STUDY (BERLIN'S 726 TO DEPT FEBRUARY 24).

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